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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Don't forget to pay your tributes to our fallen heroes this weekend on Remembrance Sunday.

Events will take place across the district at war memorials from the city centre to the smallest of villages, as we remember those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting this nation.

So wear your poppy with pride and find out where you can pay your respects this weekend by turning to PAGE 3.

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

COUNCIL chiefs have vowed not to slash services under a £2 million savings programme unveiled on Monday.

But we can expect a rise in council tax next year, a hike in parking charges and changes to some of the cultural high points of the year – among them Whitstable's Oyster Festival.

Bosses said the majority of savings – more than £1 million – would be made through improvements in efficiency, with about 40 jobs set to be trimmed.

Although redundancies have not been ruled out, chief executive Colin Carmichael said the target would be met mainly through not filling vacancies.

However, the city's share of the council tax will go up 4.96 per cent, with owners of a band D property paying £175.23 next year for local services, up from £166.95.

Parking charges will also increase across the district by between five and 33 per cent. It means most city centre car parks will see hourly charges rise from 90p to £1. On the outskirts it will rise from 60p to 80p.

Liberal Democrat leader Cllr Alex Perkins said the move was a risky strategy and could drive visitor numbers to the city and coast.

He said: "In the current financial climate you would expect them to have learned their lesson, but no."

"Despite the fact the recent parking report anticipates a further 12 per cent fall in parking in and around the city next year, the Conservatives intend to increase the hourly charges by more than 10 per cent."

But defending the increases, Mr Carmichael

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Marlowe costs need to add up



ICONIC: City chiefs say they will not shirk tough decisions if ambitious theatre project costs too much

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

COUNCIL bosses said they were prepared to ditch the iconic Marlowe project if costs become too much for city coffers to support.

But chief executive Colin Carmichael said he was confident the new theatre will go ahead, with £15 million in council money already earmarked for the project, and more to come from the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), Kent County Council, and private donations.

Mr Carmichael also said he was prepared to sacrifice other capital projects in favour of the new Marlowe, but that he would not shy away from pulling the plug if the costs became too great.

The final decision will be made in March when the various sources of funding are confirmed for the £28m scheme.

Mr Carmichael said: "We are just a

borough council. We will look at the costs in March, when we will have a clearer idea about the funding from Seeda and KCC.

"We will also find out from the Marlowe campaign what they realistically expect to raise.

"If this adds up then the project will go ahead, if not, then we may have a problem, but at some point you have to say 'we can't afford it'."

Council leader John Gilbey said the city may be able to negotiate a good deal with construction companies hungry for work due to the cancellation of large building projects generally, but warned that the contract would not be simple.

He said: "There is a silver lining in that we might get a cheaper contract from construction companies, although in the current climate it's the house builders who are suffering.

"Companies specialising in this type of large-scale project may have a lot of work coming up for the Olympics.

"They will also be looking to make up costs wherever they can, so the

Icelandic banks and investments

THE £6 million Canterbury council has lost in the Icelandic banking meltdown will be recovered, says chief executive Colin Carmichael – the question is when?

In light of the banking crisis, Canterbury is reviewing its investments to ensure no more money is lost in failed institutions.

The council has £45m of investments in a variety of accounts, and it is the interest from these that pays into the revenue budget to keep vital services running.

The district stands to lose £250,000 per year in interest, which otherwise would have been earned from the Icelandic investment, but bosses say the Government will not let councils suffer.

Mr Carmichael said: "We are reviewing the banks we have investments in to make sure they have the highest credit rating. If they don't, we will look at moving the money."

"We expect to get it back. It may not be next year, it may not be the year after that, but the signs are that the Government will not let local councils suffer through this."

Other cuts...

- Whitstable Biennale to be scaled down and combined with Oyster Festival. Saving: £10,000.

- No flowering baskets next summer. Saving: £10,000.

- Whitstable's foreshore boat, which patrols the coast, will be sold, its duties taken by the harbour pilot boat. Saving: £10,000.

- Westgate Towers Museum to only be open on Saturdays and Heritage open days. It is currently open all week. Saving: £13,000.

contract will have to be managed very tightly.

"It's the biggest project the city has ever been involved with. The plans have been scrutinised to the nth degree. Anything that can be pared back has been so there is no wastage.

"But it still has to be an iconic building."

'It is better the district meets the cost'

FROM FRONT PAGE

said: "Car parking charges are a major source of income for the council. We can either keep them the same and make up the difference in council tax, or raise charges.

"Personally, I think it is better that visitors to the district meet the cost of a service they use, rather than residents paying more tax for something they don't often use.

"In environmental terms, this is great. We want fewer cars to come into the city."

Bosses say savings have to be made due to a range of pressures on council coffers.

A £326,000 shortfall in funding provided by central government to run its controversial concessionary bus fare scheme has made a dent, as well as leading to fewer people

paying to park in the city.

Rising fuel bills have increased the costs of running leisure centres and waste contractor Serco's fleet of dust-carts; costs the council is contractually obliged to meet in both cases.

And the recession is expected to mean a cut in income from car parking and planning as people make fewer trips to the shops and put building projects on hold to save money.



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Drama plays out in your own front room

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

PERFORMANCES of a most intimate nature are coming to Canterbury as the city hosts an innovative theatre company dedicated to staging plays in people's homes.

The nationally acclaimed Threshold events are taking place across east Kent, and have so far wowed audiences and national critics alike in other parts of the country.

Canterbury will see a production of *At Home* with Lucy Ellinson and Chris Goode, which will run for one weekend in December.

Described as both enormously appealing and strangely unsettling, this close up theatre is intended to leave a lasting impression, according to creative producer Cathy Westbrook.

She said: "You only find out where you are going a few days before the event, so that is the start of the experience.

"The Canterbury production is very humorous; the artist has a wonderful sense of humour, but there are challenging elements to make people think laterally about certain issues too.

"There is a strong sense of participation. Not in a direct way, but participation on an emotional level with what is going on. It's an experience that will stay with people.

"It is very much about going on an emotional journey. It is timed purposely so people arrive late afternoon when it is still light and leave when it is dark, so you have this sense of the evening closing in."

The performances take place in normal houses, in front of a small group of 12 to 15 people. The houses used are often of particular interest themselves; some having featured in the recent



DRAMATIC TWIST: Threshold theatre company performs to small audiences of 12-15 people in private homes

Canterbury Festival's open house programme.

Ms Westbrook said: "It is also about hospitality. There is the fact of being invited into someone's home and what that means to people.

"The hosts are all very good; we know that people have an inherent interest in looking around other people's homes and this is part of it too."

The Threshold project is part of a larger exploration of outdoor theatre in the run up to the 2012 Olympics.

Organisers hope to build on Canterbury's already strong reputation for outdoor theatre, and promise that next year some participation work will be organised in the district.

To get involved visit www.theshold.org.uk.

Great strides to build up bank balance

A GROUP set up to protect the future of Whitstable Harbour says it is "broke".

Whitstable Harbour Watch was established to fight plans unveiled last year to transform the site with suggestions of a supermarket or aquarium.

Council chiefs threw out the proposals, but only after the townsfolk rebelled.

A spokeswoman said: "The bad news is the WHW is broke and needs to replenish its well spent funds for further use in taking the people's interest in the South Quay forward."

"The good news is we are going to do something about it whilst adding fun, activity and colour to the town."

It will stage a sponsored walk on November 16 from the South Quay to Long Rock at Swalecliffe and back; a three-mile round trip.

Sponsor forms are available from the www.hands offourharbour.co.uk website or by calling Val on 01227 263036 or Billy on 07715811906.

Forms also available from the Chamber of Commerce hut on the South Quay of the harbour.

It also stages its AGM on November 19 at 7pm in St Peter's Church, Sydenham Street, off St Peter's Road, Whitstable.

Remember all our fallen heroes this Remembrance Day

■ BY KELLY PIKE

THOUSANDS will take to the streets this weekend to pay tribute to our fallen heroes on Remembrance Sunday.

And a series of parades will take place across Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay and our villages to mark what will be the 90th anniversary of Armistice.

In Whitstable, a parade will assemble at 10.30am in Victoria Street car park and leave at 10.40am.

It will pass through the High Street and end at the war memorial, where those who sacrificed their lives will be honoured and remembered in a two minute silence.

The parade will feature members from Scouts, Brownies, and Sea Cadets and there will be a band procession.

In Herne Bay, a parade will start at Christ Church in William Street, at 9.30am and end at St Martins



FALLEN: Wear your poppy with pride

Church, where a wreath will be laid at 11am.

Canterbury Cathedral also has a special Remembrance Day service. This will take place in the nave section of the building, beginning at 10.50am and ending at noon.

Ceremonies at war memorials up and down the district will also be taking place.

Organisers the Royal British Legion are emphasising the parades are as much about remembering those killed or injured in modern day conflicts as it is those in the two world wars.

Rupert invites you to join celebration

EXCITEMENT is mounting for the annual Rupert Bear celebration at the Museum of Canterbury in Stour Street on Saturday.

Rupert was created in 1920 and launched as a short cartoon strip in the Daily Express on November 8 that year. His creator was Canterbury-born Mary Tourtel, who trained as an artist at the city's Sidney Cooper School of Art.

Today the popular bear features on children's television and he has his own magazine.

The Museum of Canterbury is home to the official Rupert collection to mark the link with Mary Tourtel, and it celebrates his birthday each year.

This year's festival boasts a fun-packed schedule with a range of activities for families and children.

Canterbury is also welcoming Stuart Trotter who is making his first appearance as Rupert's new storywriter and illustrator.

Mr Trotter has an impressive history of illustrating other children's favourites such as Postman Pat, Winnie The Pooh and Thomas the Tank Engine.

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Environment concerns at the heart of business

A GREEN business conference in Canterbury has proved a huge success.

Business4theEnvironment saw 34 of the district's firms sign pledges to make their working practices more sustainable.

Reviewing transport policy, selling fair-trade products, improving waste management and appointing an environment champion are just some of the pledges made.

Clive Relf, chairman of C4B's environment group said: "This shows how many local businesses are working quietly behind the scenes to develop sustainable practices."

Inspections will identify dangerous headstones

HEADSTONE inspections begin this week in Canterbury and Whitstable cemeteries.

It comes after incidents elsewhere where children have been killed and adults injured by unstable grave markers.

Any headstone found to be dangerous will have a support unit fixed for six months to allow time to arrange repairs.

If it remains a risk after this time, the support device will be removed and the stone laid down on the grave space. For more information, contact 01227 862490.

Regulars boost charity with walk in the woods

CUSTOMERS of Ye Olde Beverlie have proven generosity goes a long way.

The Shepherd Neame pub at St Stephen's Green has donated nearly £3,000 in the past year to local charities.

Landlord Daniel Seamons said: "We also raised £1,000 by organising a sponsored walk in aid of the John Graham Centre in Blean, which helps children with learning difficulties. Regulars from the pub had a great day out walking round a three-mile course through Clowes Wood."

Speeding drivers warned in Safer Autumn checks

POLICE carried out speed checks at accident hotspots last week.

The action forms part of the Safer Autumn campaign, which this year is focused on protecting young people.

During the checks, 18 warnings were issued to drivers breaking the speed limit in Greenhill, Chestfield and Whitstable.

Two people were fined for failing to wear seatbelts and one motorist received a penalty for speeding at 44mph in a 30mph zone.

Turkish delight as Phil's team takes bronze

Young archer aims for the top and 2012 Games glory



SHARP END: Phil Gower's team won bronze in Turkey

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

to get so far, despite missing out on the semi-finals by millimetres.

Phil said: "It was a very tense match. Lots of people watching said it was the best match of the tournament. In archery, there is only one match going on at a time so everyone watches it.

"We shot two ends of six arrows, and drew. Then it goes to the highest score with one arrow. We both shot tens. So we swapped ends and again, we both shot tens. Then it goes to closest to the centre. Again, we both got tens, but the judges decided his arrow was closer.

"I wasn't expecting to get as far as I did. This was my first world championship, so I was really going just to see what it was like and get to know how it works.

Phil and his team-mates got through to the final eight archers, losing to the eventually victorious American team.

He got into archery though attending Canterbury Archery Club with his father.

Phil said: "I was just looking for something to do with my time. Then, as I kept going, I realised I was actually quite good. You need to be calm and patient. You have to clear your mind, but you don't think about the shot.

"I shoot about 200 arrows a day, more if I have time. That takes about two hours. I'm lucky the school is so supportive and allows me the time to train. My PE teacher, Mr Brooks, is great."

Phil's next big competition is the indoor world championships in Poland early next year.

A TEENAGER from Herne Bay has glory at the Olympic Games in his sights after returning from his first world archery event as part of the medal-winning British team.

Phil Gower was part of the team in Turkey which returned with a bronze medal. The 15-year-old, who competes in the cadet series, is now ranked fifth in the world in his age group.

He competed as part of the British cadet archery team with fellow archers Jake Bunce and Lewis Humphries at the Youth World Championships in Antalya, Turkey.

The modest Canterbury High School pupil, who fits hours of training and competitions around his schoolwork, says he was surprised

Still lounging at The Farmhouse

LOUNGE on the Farm organisers are looking to sustain the festival vibe throughout the winter months by opening a new music venue.

The Farmhouse in Dover Street, Canterbury, already has a string of top-name bookings in the run-up to Christmas.

What's more, you can take a look around the venue courtesy of our free broadband TV website www.yourkenttv.co.uk. Simply search 'Canterbury'.

Inspiral Carpets' ex-frontman Tom Hingley will perform at the venue on November 14, followed by former Specials singer Terry Hall the following week. Organisers are also trying to tempt Billy Childish and his Musicians of the

British Empire to play a Christmas gig. Co-founder Matt Gough said The Farmhouse's feel echoes that of the Lounge on the Farm festival.

"Dedicated to decadent drinks and luscious, locally-sourced seasonal grub, alongside gigs and guests from across the musical spectrum, the intention is that The Farmhouse will put the high points of the festival at your constant disposal – seven nights a week," he said.

"Much like the ethos of the festival, the venue will bring the finest artists and DJs from across the country back to Canterbury, filling a gap in the cultural offerings of the city."

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WINTER WARMER: Shake Shed staff are ready to serve you – but don't forget to take along a scarf to donate

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHOPPERS can get involved in some sweet charity this month at Shake Shed, which has organised a drive to help the district's homeless.

From Saturday, people can take scarves into the quirky milkshake store at 18 Sun Street, Canterbury, and exchange them for a warming hot chocolate from a new range created by staff.

Jenna White, director and general milkshake maker at Shake Shed, said: "The purpose of our campaign is to help everyone keep warm this winter.

"All our generous donors will be warmed up by our delicious hot chocolate drinks while the donated scarves will help to keep Canterbury's homeless warm.

"The free hot chocolate initiative lasts until November 16, but we would still like to encourage shoppers to visit Shake Shed and drop in any scarves they don't want so we can donate them to the Scrine Foundation."

The Scrine Foundation is an established charity which has recently come through a

period of financial trouble due to grants from Canterbury council and the NHS.

Scrine operates a night shelter, drug, alcohol and mental health services, supported housing, and helps homeless people with education, training and medical services.

Every year the charity helps more than 300 people into housing, education and employment.

Cath Harris, fundraising manager at the Scrine Foundation, said: "We are delighted to be part of Shake Shed's initiative to help keep Canterbury warm this winter.

"The campaign is a great example of how Scrine and local businesses can work together to help raise awareness for those people in need in east Kent.

"Winter is one of the hardest times of the year for Canterbury's homeless, so I can assure you that all scarves donated to Shake Shed will be gratefully received."

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Man groped soldier's wife at hospital unit

PERVERT Ashley Gilbert groped a soldier's wife while she was lying on a trolley at a minor injuries unit.

Gilbert, 22, of Forrester Close, Canterbury, had been to a wedding, on August 31, with the woman and friends from the city's Howe Barracks. She fainted and was taken to Kent and Canterbury Hospital because friends knew she was epileptic. Gilbert admitted indecent assault when he appeared before Canterbury magistrates.

The court heard Gilbert sat with the young mum after her friends had gone. She was lying on the trolley in her underwear and woke up at about 3am.

Gilbert started talking to her and rubbing her breast through her bra. She pushed him off when he put his hands lower.

Max Reeves, defending, said his client had a mental age of 15. "He is extremely remorseful for what he has put this lady through," he added.

The case was adjourned until November 19 for reports.

Dogs' charity needs old blankets and duvets

AN URGENT appeal from the Dogs Trust Canterbury rehoming centre is calling for old but clean blankets for dogs in their care.

Centre manager Lizzie Reffell said: "We are urging everyone to see if they have any spare or unwanted clean blankets or duvets as we are running critically low."

"Many of the dogs at our centre have not had the best of starts in life and a clean blanket is an essential provision for every dog we look after."

If you are able to make any donations, please send them to Dogs Trust Canterbury, Radfall Road, Chestfield, near Whitstable, Kent, CT5 3ER.

Jasper's fined £5,000

THE owners of Jasper's restaurant in Church Street, St Paul's, Canterbury, have been fined £5,000 for serving hot food after hours.

Sera Ltd was ordered to pay £1,987 costs and a £15 surcharge, and also fined £100 for not displaying its trading licence.

Restaurant manager Ali Bulut was fined a total of £500 plus £60 costs and a £15 surcharge.

Canterbury magistrates were told council officers visited the restaurant twice after hours to find it packed with customers.

It was allowed to serve food up until 2.30am, but officers found customers were still being served at 2.45pm.

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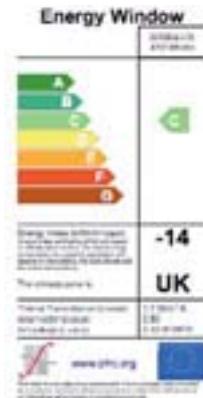
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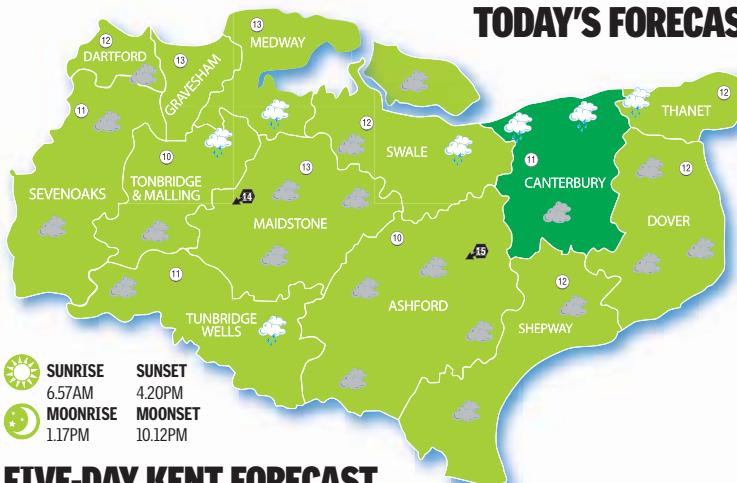
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	Sunday	5:54pm	5.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:06pm	6.0m
	Sunday	5:34pm	5.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:00pm	3.8m
	Sunday	6:24pm	3.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:46pm	4.6m
	Sunday	6:00am	4.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:05pm	4.4m
	Sunday	6:17am	4.4m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	15°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	11°C
Canterbury	13°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	12°C
Chatham	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
Dartford	15°C	13°C	13°C	14°C	13°C
Dover	12°C	12°C	10°C	12°C	11°C
Faversham	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
Folkestone	12°C	12°C	10°C	12°C	11°C
Gillingham	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Gravesend	15°C	13°C	13°C	14°C	13°C
Maidstone	14°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	13°C
Ramsgate	13°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	12°C
Rochester	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
Sevenoaks	13°C	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C
Sittingbourne	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
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Cardiff	11°C	Tokyo	16°C
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MARLOWE Theatre staff face an uncertain Christmas as the threat of redundancy looms ahead of the venue's impending closure.

The old Marlowe Theatre will close for the final time on March 22, yet decisions have still to be made about the two-year period before the new auditorium opens.

Canterbury council has confirmed redundancies are inevitable, and £200,000 has been put aside in the budget to cover the cost.

Yourcanterbury understands staff are likely to find out who will stay and who will go at the beginning of next year, just a few weeks before the final curtain falls on the old building.

In answer to how many staff the closure will affect, head of culture and communications at Canterbury council Janice McGuinness said: "This hasn't been determined, pending final decisions on what level of activity the Marlowe will carry out during construction. Confirmation should be available well before the end of the year."

Staff have been kept informed about the new Marlowe project.

Ms McGuinness said: "No detailed information regarding individual jobs can be given until confirmation of closure period activity is available. No decisions will be made until full consultation has taken place."

"Once there is confirmation of the closure period programme and other activities, the council will consult with staff over the number required over that time."

A number of temporary solutions have been mooted to keep theatre running in the city until the new Marlowe is ready. These include a circus-style big top, which could house the pantomime in 2009.



CLOSING: Old Marlowe



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KATE ROACH



QA

As part of our Make the Difference campaign – urging readers to volunteer for charities – **Gareth Arnold** talks to NSPCC volunteer Kate Roach about the fundraising success enjoyed by her dedicated team

Q How has your fundraising drive for the NSPCC been going so far?

A We have only been involved since February this year, but our group has raised £12,500. We got an email from NSPCC head office asking how we'd done it.

We don't want to take all the glory. We have a great team of volunteers who we meet on a regular basis to discuss ideas. We have also had Folkestone marine cadets involved. They use our land in the summer and have helped us out at fundraising events in Folkestone and Canterbury. I think it's important to get younger people involved.

Q What is the secret to your success?

A We run it like a business. We are lucky to have the space to have a dedicated office area for the NSPCC work, so it makes it easier to keep track and organised. People say, "You must be getting paid for this", but we are volunteers.

Q Why do you think people volunteer?

A It's depressing when you turn on the news or read about the latest atrocities being committed somewhere. This is a good antidote.

We have people who aren't on the books, but they do a bit here and there because it is uplifting. People find it helps them keep things in perspective.

You read about the breakdown of society and how there's no community spirit any more, but

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

this is proof it still exists. Just in our little village we were asked along to the church fete – which is to raise funds for the church, they are in desperate need of money too – but they said, "Come along and do a bit of fundraising".

It is the same with the village hall fund. There's only a few people living here, but the last raffle we did raised £90. That's community spirit.

Q What are important things to remember with fundraising?

A It's important to build relationships with shops. We've built a good relationship with many local shops now. I've been going in and talking to the managers. Once it's on a personal level it's much easier to pick up the phone.

Q Which shops do you work with?

A We work with a lot of businesses. We've done collections in Debenhams, and we work a lot with the Whitefriars, who let us collect in the square where there are lots of people passing.

A charity car wash we did at B&Q raised nearly £900. It was a really good day, all the staff came out and had their cars washed, and we were helped by the Folkestone cadets.

At Morrisons we did a joint campaign with Age Concern called Through and Through Generations. We wore T-shirts with both Age Concern and Childline [part of the NSPCC] logos on them, which made people look twice.

We always write and personally thank managers of shops who help us.

Q How do you approach people when you are out collecting?

A We say hello to people, have a chat and give them a sticker if they want one. Some like to stop and talk to us, others just put money in. The NSPCC is a very recognisable charity, and it's great the number of people who say they already have a direct debit set up for us.

Q Do you get any bad reactions?

A You get a few, but you have to remember that people are entitled to their opinions. If they don't want to give money, then that is up to them.

Q What are your plans for the future?

A A charity needs a focal point in an area. We would like to make this the NSPCC headquarters for Kent. People ask us where the headquarters are and we have to say Crawley, which is miles away. We are lucky here in that we have the room to offer people a place to meet. It used to be a smallholding, so we have a lot of buildings suitable for meetings, presentations and other things.

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Literary triumph from chronicles of disaster

■ BY NICK AMES

A SERIES of bizarre tales – some long forgotten – has been compiled in a new book by author Phil Mason.

His Kent Chronicles of Catastrophe and Disaster, just published by Countryside Books, collects colourful and strange incidents which have taken place in history.

These include a man run over 12 times by a train on the North Kent line and another train accident which almost killed Charles Dickens, near Staplehurst in 1865, when the Folkestone to London boat train hit a bridge.

Mr Mason, from Gillingham, has lived in Kent for 20 years and this is his sixth book.

He said: "It is not a dry chronology, nor does it pretend to be a comprehensive account of every terrible event.

"Instead I have chosen to shine the spotlight on the stranger, more curious and lesser-known side of Kent's history."

Also included are details of a First World War disaster when a munitions depot in Faversham exploded, killing 106 people.

Such was the force of the explosion that win-



NO FLOW: The time that Kent's River Medway dried up is featured in the new book by Phil Mason (far right)

dows were shattered over a 20-mile radius and the bang could be heard 50 miles away.

The first UFO sighting officially acknowledged in the UK took place over Sheerness in 1912, while in October 1134, during one of Britain's worst droughts, the River Medway dried up.

An unusual combat death is recorded when a pair of German aircraft attacked the Ashford to Lydd train during the Second World War.

A shot hit the engine and debris flew into the air, including the steam locomotive's funnel, which struck one of the attacking planes, causing it to crash in flames after it careered into telegraph wires.

The defeat of a French invasion at Sandwich is also examined, as is a torpedo which ran aground during testing and caused panic across Herne Bay.

The sinking of a paddle-steamer called the Princess Alice in the Thames is also recalled, as is a catalogue of disasters close to the Goodwin Sands.

The Princess Alice is the UK's worst-ever civilian shipping accident, as it claimed almost 800 lives.

Other tales include the loss of both Amy Johnson and Glenn Miller in mysterious air crashes, Caesar's invasion 2,000 years ago, the visit of Tsar Peter the Great and paranoia about a Nazi tunnel under the sea.

The author said: "Owing to its geographical position as the gateway to Britain, Kent has witnessed more than its fair share of great events."

Probert, of the National Concern for Healthcare Infections, said: "Safe-guarding funding for infection prevention and control can help as this is often the first pot that gets raided whenever a trust is in financial difficulty."

The campaigner, whose mother died from C diff at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said KOS Media's campaign to highlight the importance of hand hygiene in the fight against killer bugs was important in raising awareness about hand-washing.



'We are easing congestion on the school run'

A HOST of schemes designed to slash the number of school children being regularly driven to school is delivering results, county council chiefs claim.

Kent County Council has released figures which reveal an estimated 3,000 fewer pupils in the last academic year are being driven in.

In 2006/07, sample data showed 35.6 per cent of pupils were being driven to school.

For the 2007/08 school year, that figure had reduced to 34.1 per cent.

With more than 211,000 young people attending Kent schools, the council has hailed this as "a major step towards tackling congestion in the county".

It follows a number of schemes rolled out by KCC to supplement the Government-required school travel plans. Among them are:

- The Kent Freedom Pass – a scheme that allows students aged between 11 and 16 to travel on buses anywhere in Kent.
- Working with charity Sustrans to employ a Bike It officer in the Ashford area and encourage cycling to school across the county.
- Working with bus companies to establish any issues around behaviour on buses and find solutions, so pupils, drivers and the public feel comfortable using them.
- Rating school travel plans to maintain interest and providing additional funding to support schools with 'platinum' status – achieved through introducing sustainable travel schemes.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "Nationally, walking and cycling to school has declined in the past 20 years so it is great that Kent is bucking that trend."

"KCC has worked with parents, pupils, teachers and transport companies to offer real alternatives and incentives for people to change their travel habits."

"Not only is it healthier for parents and pupils, it cuts down on congestion to keep Kent moving."



PAUL CARTER: Says Kent is bucking transport trend

Superbug infections in decline

A TOTAL of 269 patients in Kent and Medway caught the superbugs MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* between April and June this year.

However, the county saw 55 per cent fewer cases of the healthcare-associated infections than over the same period in 2007, the latest Health Protection Agency (HPA) figures show.

Nationally, C diff rates have fallen by more than a third, which officials put down to improved hand-washing and a clampdown on over-prescribing anti-

biotics. The figures are those combined from Dartford and Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells and East Kent Hospitals University NHS trusts and Medway NHS Foundation Trust, as well as Bromley Hospitals and Queen Mary's Sidcup trusts.

In all the trusts, since the period April to June 2006, the number of MRSA cases has gone down, from 68 to 34 this year. The number of patients with C diff has fallen from 502 in 2006 to 196 in 2008, the HPA data show. Laura

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■ BY NICK AMES

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LIBERTY CAPPED: Magic mushrooms are illegal

Not so mushroom for debate after law is tightened

FOLLOWING police seizures of so-called magic mushrooms this autumn, it is clear many people remain uncertain about the legal situation regarding the fungi.

There is a widespread belief that picking the hallucinogenic psilocybin mushroom is legal but preparing it for consumption in any form is not.

That is not the case. The Drugs Act 2005 ended the situation in which fresh magic mushrooms were legal but those which were dried or prepared for use were not.

The Home Office ruled the hallucinogenic drug was harmful to some users – especially vulnerable people and those with mental health problems – and acted to clarify the law.

Home Office Minister Paul Goggins said in a statement: "Magic mushrooms come under Clause 21 of the Drugs Act 2005. It is now an offence to import, export, produce, supply, possess or possess with intent to supply magic mushrooms, including in the form of growing kits."

Exceptions will be made for people who unknowingly pick the mushrooms in the wild or find them growing in their garden. Critics have argued the act is difficult to police.

Although some do grow in the wild, the vast majority of hallucinogenic mushrooms sold on the open market come from farms in Holland.

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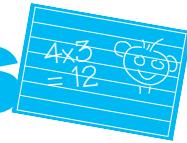
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Children MOVE to develop skills

SEVERELY disabled children at St Nicholas School in Canterbury will be holding an Olympic-themed party as part of National MOVE Week.

MOVE is a charity that helps the UK's most severely physically disabled children develop mobility skills and independence.

The celebrations, on Friday, will be held in recognition of the children's achievements on the unique MOVE mobility programme, and the difference it has made to their lives.

They will take part in Olympic sporting events and a dance-a-thon competition to get the children moving.

Ami Al-Khina, 14, has been on MOVE at St Nicholas School for six years.

Mum Karen explained the improvements she has seen over the years.

She said: "Ami no longer accepts being pushed around in a buggy – she wants to walk everywhere using her frame, or holding onto things."

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Enterprising youngsters learn about business

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

ICE cream entrepreneurs challenged the credit crunch at Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School last week.

Sixth formers from Simon Langton and Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Faversham, took part in an entrepreneurial challenge to set up their own ice cream production companies and learn valuable enterprise and employability skills.

They were involved in every aspect of operating a business including choosing company names, designing logos, selecting product flavours, taking on employees and bidding for orders.

Over the two days, students learned how to deal with banks and cope with the everyday pressures and dilemmas of the world of work such as production delays and complaints from workers.

Holly Waghorn from Simon Langton said: "I learned that I like to be in control. I now know a lot more about overdrafts and loans and understand how important it is to take a risk sometimes."

The challenge also included an evening of marketing, design and production with an exercise called Bric-a-Brac.

Teams were allocated a budget to design and sell a prototype product, with some sales negotiations being held in French, German and Spanish.

The winning group was Team Red C from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, who made the most money.

The event was run in collaboration with Challenge Training Partnerships and was supported by more than 20 local businessmen and women who acted as advisers.

Yvonne Arrowsmith, director of financial



BUYING AND SELLING: The students learnt about marketing, design and production during the challenge

disclosure European strategy at Pfizer Ltd said: "It's not only a development challenge for the students, but also for the advisers.

"It has impressed me how quickly the students form as a team, how soon they identify each others' skills and how rapidly they engage with the tasks they've been set.

"Each task enables them to identify a skill

which they then employ and develop as the day goes on."

Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School is particularly keen to recruit more business advisers for next year's management challenge and would especially like to hear from former pupils of the school with business expertise.

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Why we should be making a fuss over the bigger issues

AS you read this, the polls in the US will be shut and the slow process of counting the votes will be well under way.

In fact, if you don't pick this paper up until the weekend, then the chances are the count is complete and the winner and their new First Lady are now choosing colour schemes for the White House.

In the Congo, blood-curdling atrocities are taking place leaving children orphaned or the victim. And if that wasn't enough, the world continues to teeter on the edge of financial meltdown as the stock markets drop quicker than Harry Redknapp's reputation in and around Portsmouth.

Throw in new scientific proof that the rise in temperatures at the North and South Poles can be attributed to mankind's influence on the atmosphere, and not just a natural cycle, and all in all it was a pretty strong news week.

Yet you'd be forgiven for not realising it. Because our newspapers, radio and television stations over the past ten days have been dominated by a misjudged phone call placed by two

over paid stars to the bloke who used to be the bumbling buffoon Manuel from Fawlty Towers. You really could not make it up.

Perhaps it was the glorious escape from day after day of doom and gloom about capitalism itself self-improving... none of which most of us really understood, other than all our jobs were a little less secure. What could be the perfect tonic but a desperate craving for the blood of two celebrities for whom the credit crunch sounds more like a trendy type of apple than something to impact on their wealth?

Of course, there were some key principles at stake. Yes, the BBC has a responsibility to its licence fee paying public and yes, it was about time Jonathan Ross was exposed as the tired old bloated has-been he has become.

But the acres of news print and hour upon hour of broadcast space devoted to it, has been overkill on a level previously unheard of.

And the casualties seem to be mounting up at an alarming pace. First Russell Brand – a fine talent and whose radio show was, for those who had never heard of it before this fuss, an hilarious, witty treat which will be sadly missed – then the controller of Radio 2 and, at

the time of writing at least, the bank balance of the aforementioned bloated Mr Ross.

I could say we need to get a bit of a sense of perspective here. There are more important things at stake. And I'm sure Andrews Sachs – who has conducted himself with wonderful dignity – must surely be amazed that some messages on his voicemail have dictated the national news agenda for a solid week.

In fact, I will say it. We, as a nation, have this regrettable ability to whip ourselves into a ridiculous frenzy over things we suddenly attach society's core values to. But what benefit has losing Brand as a Saturday evening DJ or the controller of Radio 2 actually brought to society that a good old fashioned apology couldn't do? Precisely nothing, I would say.

In fact the only good is that I don't have to watch Jonathan Ross on the telly for three months. And the off button was always there for me to make that judgement without a baying mob doing it for me.

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TALK TIME

ANDY HOWE

The new PCSO supervisor in Canterbury city centre has moved to the area from Ramsgate.

What do you do in the city?

I moved here six months ago and supervise PCSOs across five wards in Canterbury city centre. I have ensured each ward has a PACT (Police and Communities Together) process operating and have worked with neighbourhood policing teams to enforce the alcohol control zone.

What do you enjoy most about the job?

The best part is the feedback. We receive positive letters from residents and recently park attendant Steve Tyler and PCSO Sarah Harding got three letters in two days from residents in the Dane John, congratulating them on tackling the issue of drinking alcohol in public spaces.

Are the challenges different to those in Ramsgate?

In some ways, I started off working in the Nethercourt, Southwood and St Lawrence ward, Ramsgate, where one of the biggest challenges I faced was criminal damage.

The church community had been deeply upset when some of the headstones at St Lawrence's church were smashed.

How did you deal with it?

Patrols were increased, stop checks carried out and alcohol seized from underage drinkers. I set up two surgeries to listen to local concerns, including a lunch club for retired people at St Lawrence's church and ran a surgery before and after the Southwood residents association's meetings.



YOUR LETTERS



Proud to tread the boards with group

I was delighted to read the article about Acting Up at the Arden and the Durham House Drama Group in your issue for the week ending October 22.

I am proud to be a member of the group and thoroughly enjoyed working with a lovely bunch of people on the latest production.

There is a strong family feel within the group and they have all gone from strength to strength since becoming involved with it. They display an abundance of creativity and individuality – indeed, all the sketches



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performed at the recent show were written by group members.

There was a wonderful feeling of goodwill within the theatre during performances, both on the part of the audience and the cast.

We are now enjoying a well-earned short break, but will be raring to go when we meet again in early November.

Since the outset, the group has received the unfailing support of many people, including most especially, the mental health team at Durham House and a great number of well-wishers and supporters too numerous to mention here.

We are all so grateful for their encouragement, which has really spurred us on, and extend our grateful thanks to everyone.

Thanington asks what is my "problem" with driving to the speed limit; but whose speed limit?

Thanington was 40mph for over four decades, recently it has become 30mph to appease local NIMBYs and 40mph is now deemed dangerous!

Hazel Dawe of the Green Party says traffic flows reduced by 27 per cent when 20mph limits are introduced, could this also account for any claimed accident reduction?

Surely if 20mph limits are wanted, as she claims, then traffic would increase down these roads?

Terry Hudson
Horne Bay

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Contrary to the opinion of Terry Hudson (Horne Bay, Devon) by referendum (October 15) I don't think that many drivers would oppose a 20mph speed limit.

No one wants the 20mph limits

Mr Wilkins-Oppler says there is "an endemic speed culture" or could that be because speed limits are set too low?

Perhaps the competent and careful actions of a majority of responsible people should be considered legal?

If he cares to look at the Department of Transport figures he will find his view, that speeding is the major cause of accidents, is a fiction of his non-driving imagination.

Another reader from

Kent Green Party is advocating 20mph limits for all residential areas to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Over two-thirds of all road casualties happen on built-up roads. A survey of the introduction of 20mph zones found that child road accidents declined by 67 per cent, cyclist accidents by 29 per cent and traffic flow by 27 per cent.

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While the UK's roads are among the safest in Europe, walkers and cyclists are still intimidated by high speeds. The leading cause of death to children over the age of five is road crashes. The number of cyclists killed has risen by 30 per cent since 2003.

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Dr Hazel Dawe,
Kent Green Party

Has MP forgotten his constituency?

With Manston airport cargo flights flying over Canterbury Cathedral and Herne Bay, surely Julian Brazier, MP and Shadow Aviation Minister, should be meeting with the voters of the towns that elect him, rather than Matt Clarke of Infratil and Roger Gale MP of Margate in July?



It's as if Julian cares more about other constituencies and businesses than his own.

At the very least he could ask Infratil for the missing and never-supplied noise and air monitors to be put in place to monitor the effects of aviation fuel on his public.

Or remove the dumped jumbo jets from MK cargo airlines et al.

Something must be wrong with democracy if failed corporations like Infratil are the only game in town

for Julian and Roger.

Manston airport failed a long time ago and the only viable solution is a Kings Hill-style redevelopment of a large brownfield site sitting on top of East Kent's drinking water supply.

With pollution of cyclohex industrial solvent nearby (470 tonnes over 12 years) and mystery smoke-clouds from Thor Mercury processing it's as if our MPs will accept any old rubbish in the area.

Tim Garbutt
Canterbury



Blogger is living in an ignorant past

Your Halloween blog last week was quite amusing. However, I think the person who wrote it is out of touch. Halloween is now widely accepted – and celebrated – by most generations.

The antisocial behaviour which used to result on our streets has been curtailed by the well-behaved youngsters going door-to-door with their parents. Teenagers don't bother so much now.

Of course, it is important the elderly are protected, but I firmly believe the vast majority of people respect that now.

So no more hiding – and stop being such a killjoy.

Grant Williams
By email

Help us beat cancer in the New Year

It might seem far away to your readers, but the New Year is only just around the corner and now is an ideal time to start thinking about your resolutions.

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The A5 hardback diary also has some delicious seasonal recipes – such as asparagus risotto and rhubarb syllabub – proving that healthy can be tasty at any time of year.

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The spectacular firework display over Viking Bay starts at 8pm. Free programmes will be available. For details see www.broadstairs5thnov.event.org.uk.

Visitors can enjoy a spectacular fireworks display set to music above the Drill Field at Deal and Bettishanger Rugby Football Club in Canada Road, Deal, on Friday. Gates open at 6pm and the display starts at 7.45pm. Advance tickets can be purchased from the rugby club bar before midnight on Thursday priced at £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Gate prices will be £4/£2. Find out more at www.dealandbettessrfc.org.uk.

Leeds Castle near Maidstone is offering a variety of exciting events to choose from, with plenty of fun for all the family.

On Friday the Music and Light Firework Spectacular, suitable for adults and older children, will see the castle lit up by a musical firework display with lasers and projected images. Gates open at 5pm and the display starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16.

On Saturday and Sunday families can enjoy falconry shows and jousting tournaments before the Legend of Excalibur Firework Spectacular in the evening. Gates open at noon and the firework display starts at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £16 for adults, £10 for children aged four to 15 and are free for under-fours.

Pre-booking is essential, call 01622 880008 or see www.leeds-castle.com.

There will be more events taking place across the county on Saturday. Groombridge Place (pictured) near Tunbridge Wells will present a firework display choreographed to the songs of Abba and Queen, along with a mini Victorian funfair, a fairground



SPECTACULAR: Groombridge Place will host a fireworks display to the tunes of Abba and Queen organ and refreshment stalls.

The fun starts at 5.30pm with the opening of the funfair, which will be open until 10pm. A ceremonial lighting of the bonfire will precede the firework display at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9.95 for adults, £8.45 for children and seniors and are free for under-threes. Buy tickets on the gate, online at www.groombridge.co.uk or by calling 01892 861444.

The firework display at the Museum of Kent Life at Sandling, Maidstone, will be set off by

Hollyoaks star Jake Hendricks, who is appearing in the Hazlitt Theatre's pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

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Smarden will be holding its annual parade at 6.45pm, followed by the firework display at 8pm.



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Boasting a fine reputation for both its recordings and live shows, the band has performed at some of the country's biggest festivals as well as travelling to Serbia and Spain. Cellist Ivan Hussey was invited to perform a solo show at the International Cello Festival in Belgrade three years ago. He has also worked with big name artists such as Mick Jagger, Take That, M-People, Gabrielle, Duran Duran, Soul II Soul, The Lighthouse Family and the Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra.

The band's fourth album, Sharptown, was released earlier this year and the first single, Streets Paved With Gold, featuring the voice of British soul singer Shaun Escoffrey, caused a stir on the music scene.

Doors open at 6.30pm and tickets cost £13. To book 01227 378188.

MY GRANDFATHER'S GREAT WAR

Sunday, November 9
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



TWO very different lives with a common bond meet in the drama My Grandfather's Great War.

As a fitting tribute to Remembrance Sunday, Cameron Stewart performs his one-man show based on the First World War diaries of his grandfather, Captain Alexander Stewart.

The solo drama blends the different perspectives of two men living at opposite ends of the 20th century, contrasting the horror of the war and today's notions of war and patriotism.

The diaries, which remained a family heirloom for 70 years and have been heard on Radio 4's Today programme, include frank accounts of life in the trenches. Last year Cameron published them online and after selling thousands of e-books, the diaries were published in hardback by Hodder & Stoughton in June, under



the title A Very Unimportant Officer.

There will be a post-show discussion with Cameron in the theatre. Tickets cost £11/£9. The show, which starts at 4pm, is suitable for

ages 11 and above. A Sunday roast lunch will be available in the Café Bar from noon to 3pm, priced at £6.50. To book tickets and make a lunch reservation, call the box office on 01227 769075.

when the Titanic struck an iceberg and began to sink.

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Beyond Breaking Glass, now in its 10th year, features Hazel's stunning voice and harpist Cormac De Barra. The show was a highlight of the Edinburgh Festival and spawned an album of the same name.

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Come to the Kings Hall for a charity fun night

HELP raise money for a good cause and enjoy some great music at the Rotary Charity Prom Evening.

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QUANTUM OF SOLACE (12A)



Bond is back. Betrayed by Vespa, the woman he loved, 007 fights the urge to make his latest mission personal. Pursuing his determination to uncover the truth, Bond and M interrogate Mr White, who reveals the organisation which blackmailed Vespa is far more complex and dangerous than anyone had imagined.

HUNGER (15)



Lending a savage intimacy to the spirit of Bobby Sands – the IRA radical who spearheaded the Irish prison strikes of 1981 – Hunger is a no-holds-barred immersion in human suffering. The film confines itself to the Maze prison in County Down, where Sands bitterly reveals he's been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 (U)



High school seniors Troy (Zac Efron) and Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) face the prospect of separation as they head off to different colleges. Joined by the rest of the Wildcats, they stage an elaborate spring musical reflecting their experiences, hopes and fears about the future. Expect a song and dance extravaganza.

Ricky's having a laugh

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

RICKY Gervais has come a long way since playing nightmarish boss David Brent in *The Office*.

After becoming famous for Brent's social faux pas and terrible dancing, he's become a comedic force to be reckoned with around the world. *The Office* is one of the most successful British exports of all time and he has a number of awards to add to his name to prove it.

These days he mingles with Hollywood heavyweights like Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller and Samuel L Jackson, but you won't see the 47-year-old losing sight of his Reading roots.

"I've only been in this business for seven years and I still pinch myself, particularly with how well *The Office* did and the people we got to work in *Extras*," he says.

"I mean, it's still weird to me that even Robert De Niro has heard of me, let alone wants to fly to England for a day. It's very strange."

Ricky insists he won't lose himself to fame and fortune.

"I still know why I'm doing it. I do it for the creative process, and only that. This [speaking to the press] is fun, and awards shows are fun, and the money's good – actually, it's brilliant – but I do it because something in you has to do it. And I think you've got to remember that, otherwise it will be weird."

He adds, laughing: "You'll see me next year – I'll be about nine stone and big white teeth, Simon Cowell's teeth!"

Now the actor-writer-director is taking on his first leading Hollywood role in supernatural comedy *Ghost Town*, following



NO BRAD PITT: "I've got the bone structure, it's just well hidden," says Ricky Gervais

cameo appearances in *Stardust* and *Night At The Museum*.

"I never thought my first film would not be written by me or Stephen Merchant [collaborator on *The Office* and *Extras*]," he admits. "But quite simply I'd been offered hundreds of scripts over the last few years, and this is the best I've read in that time."

Ghost Town sees Ricky play a dentist who has the ability to

communicate with ghosts after a near-death experience, but he openly admits he's not into that in real life: "I don't believe in ghosts or fairies or ghouls or ESP or crystals or any of those things."

Another first for Ricky, described as the "master of the comedy of the uncomfortable", is playing the romantic hero, although he says his character is not a conventional male lead.

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"My fear was people thinking I'm taking myself seriously so it was important that the romantic element was different and awkward, and I just didn't want that ending where the music swells up and I get the girl in the traditional way, because it would be nauseating," he explains.

"People would go, 'Who does he think he is? Look at him.'

"I don't need to be George Clooney or Brad Pitt. I've got the bone structure, it's just well-hidden."

He may not be Brad, but Ricky has his own Angelina in TV producer and author Jane Fallon, whom he has been with for 26 years. The couple met while they were studying at university, and have homes in London and New York.

Ricky, whose next project is directing Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe and Jonah Hill in *This Side Of The Truth*, says his dream role would be playing a villain.

"I would love to play really crazily bad, the worst person ever, that would be funny," he reveals.

"Like Hannibal Lecter but with less moral conscience."



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PROPERTY NEWS

Not a licence to print money, but a professional business option

LANDLORDS will need a licence-to-let and a business plan to take out a mortgage, under new proposals published by the Government.

In a report that could halt the activities of buy-to-let investors, independent housing policy experts recommended measures that would turn letting property into a business rather than a bit of cash on the side.

The review, designed to root out landlords who provide a poor standard of accommodation, also proposed tax incentives that could include changes to stamp duty and capital gains tax for professional landlords to encourage them to buy more properties.

Dr Julie Rugg, the author of the report, said: "We want to see a new culture of renting, where landlords view themselves as hands-on businesspeople not hands-off investors."

The licence would mean that landlords who fail to measure up could have points deducted or lose it altogether and be banned from letting property – rather in the manner of a driving licence.

Slight increase in mortgage lending

MORTGAGE lending picked up slightly in September but remained near record lows as the housing market continued to struggle.

A total of 23,422 mortgages for house purchase were approved by British banks last month, up from a record low of 21,342 in August when summer holidays helped push figures down.

There was also more positive news as estate agents reported a slight rise in sales for the month.

Each agent sold an average of six properties in September, up from five in August – the first rise since January, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

However, mortgage lending in September remained near the lowest on record and is below the six-month average of 27,481, the British Bankers' Association's figures show.

Upsurge raises hopes of market movement



STILL ACTIVE: Creativity and effort is the key to preventing business from stagnating and dispelling the gloom, according to property group Connells

PROPERTY group Connells has just celebrated its most successful sales and lettings month of the year in Kent – and it says it's not all doom and gloom in the county's housing market.

Staff say this shows recent initiatives have helped stimulate trade and make people aware moving is still an option.

They added that the rental market is also picking up and said as long as estate agents are realistic in what they expect to make and consider their prices carefully, the market need not stagnate.

Area partner Mark Weller said: "The results show that the property market in Kent is

■ BY NICK AMES

active and that large numbers of people are still moving or looking to rent.

"With the summer holidays over and people thinking about moving into a new place before Christmas, we have seen a surge not only in the number of instructions but also in tied-up sales.

"We expect this trend to continue as the recent reduction in interest rates could be just the incentive needed for those who were hesitating about buying."

"Houses will continue to sell, as long as vendors are realistic and their agent is prepared to work really hard on their behalf, using

every opportunity to bring a property to the attention of as many buyers as possible."

Other upsurges have been seen across the market. Canterbury was recently voted as having a continuing appeal to buyers.

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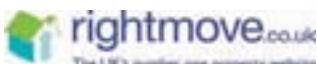
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Baby Alfa makes early arrival at Kent dealer

ALFA Romeo's sporty new MiTo supermini arrived at two Kent dealerships this week – two months ahead of official UK launch on January 24, 2009.

But the county's newest Alfa dealership, Lipscomb at Aylesford, Maidstone, and long-established Northgate at Canterbury have the order book open already on the charismatic Italian brand's new baby.

Prices start at £10,975 for the entry level Alfa MiTo 1.4 16V 95bhp Turismo and market watchers at the CAP valuation guide expect the MiTo to hold its value well – the Alfa MiTo 1.3 JTDM (diesel) Veloce should retain 47 per cent of value after three years/60,000 miles.



FG Barnes goes after sales drive with launch

VAUXHALL dealer FG Barnes has taken on the Chevrolet brand and celebrates with a major promotion next weekend.

The move follows closure of the nearby Dutton Forshaw Chevrolet at Parkwood, Maidstone, and will be marked by tempting deals on more than 100 approved used Chevrolets and Vauxhalls.

FG Barnes will also spend around £100,000 on a site revamp to accommodate the brand, with a formal Chevrolet opening in early January, coinciding with Vauxhall's launch of the all-new Insignia.



Captivating Chevy deal on until the end of year

CHEVROLET launched its spacious Captiva SUV last year with a fanfare – prices from £16,995, but closer inspection revealed that this was for the asthmatic front-wheel drive only petrol model.

Now Chevy is offering the more desirable fwd 2.0 VCDi LS diesel for the same price until the end of 2008, saving £1,450 against list price and bringing far better performance and economy – averaging around 40mpg – as well as delivering a high spec including alloys, quality stereo and roof rails.



LOOKING GOOD: Audi's latest generation A4 is a mixture of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and its longer wheelbase has enabled the car to edge closer to BMW's 3-Series

Audi's A4 spaceship is a 'best drive' – at a price

ROAD TEST

AUDI A4

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Our lavishly-spec'd car struggled to justify its £41,590 price tag.

Where A4 cabin feels well-made, roomy and durable at the £20,000 end of the market, it looks hideously over-priced at the other end.

Enough about shortcomings though, because there is plenty to laud too and especially when equipped with the creamy six-cylinder 237bhp 3.0TDI diesel – the perfect riposte to claims that petrol engines are still best for refinement.

There is lots of pulling power on tap and the Quattro system transfers this tidily to the road to deliver 0-62mph in 6.3 seconds and a great drive – one of best on test this year.

The long wheelbase, wide track, low-slung stance and light weight plant the car well on the road and it corners with a flat stance and lovely poise, again aided by the Quattro system.

The ride is not harsh though and the A4 feels classy on the motorway, helped by that big cabin and, if fitted, the £1,100 'Open Sky' panoramic sunroof.

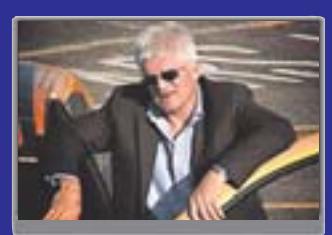
As for the Avant body style, this latest generation is a good mix of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and a sharp looker too.

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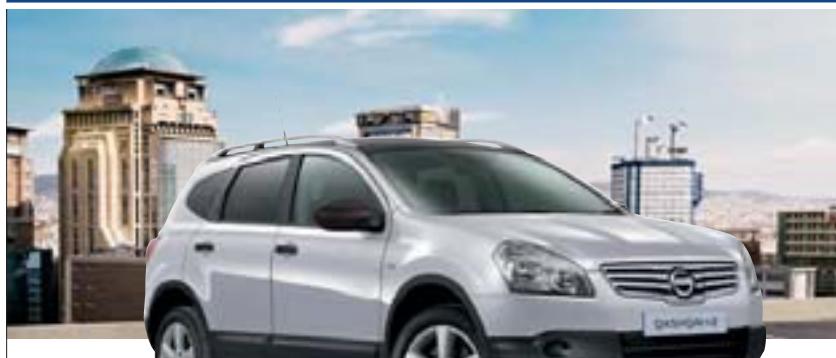
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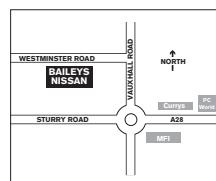
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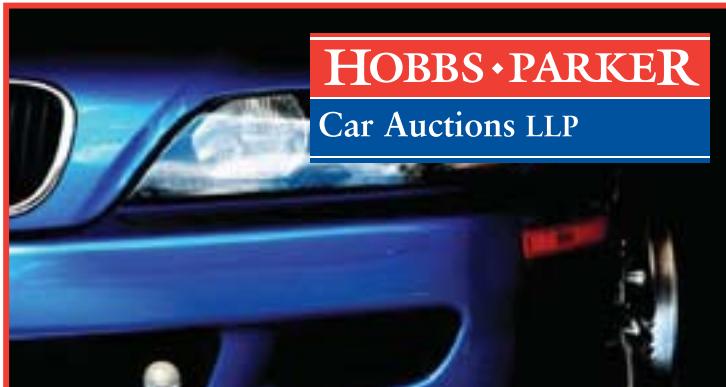
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MX-5, 1.8 Man, £78461, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, locking wheel nuts, centre armrest, twin air bags, cd player, stereo, 14" alloys, racing green, 68000 miles, £4299, Marshalls, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 1.6 16V, £9500, remote central locking, full leather, heated seats, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, locking wheel nuts, centre armrest, twin air bags, cd player, stereo, 14" alloys, racing green, 100000 miles, £5999, Marshalls, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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COOPER S, 1.6 3DR, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £9395, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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COLT, 1.5 CZT 3dr, g657ub, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, rear headrests, side airbags, sports seats, traction control, 16" alloys, silver, 7000 miles, £5995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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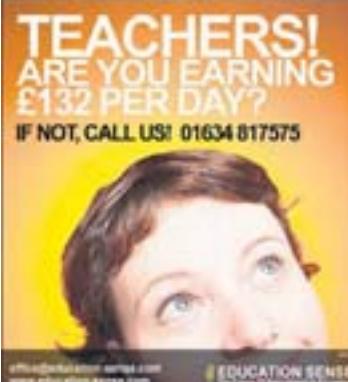
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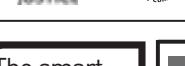
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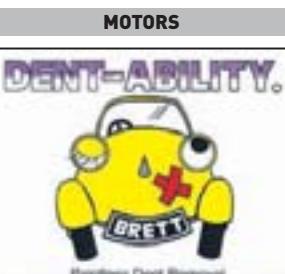
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Contract hard sell

BUSINESSES are still overlooking one of the most critical parts of a firm – IT support – says a county expert.

Stuart Kenny, director of Liquid Knowledge in Ashford, said: "Many businesses renew their IT contract habitually and have found their contracts are either lacking in terms of support or far exceed their requirements."

"Basic hardware warranties offer limited peace of mind as modern IT equipment is robust and stable."

"Only 10 per cent of all warranty claims involve hardware. The other 90 per cent relate to software and it is only when software problems have to be resolved that the business owner realises their warranty is hardware-based only."

Data security deficit

A LARGE part of the South East's workforce does not know how or where personal and company data is stored.

They also do not understand the importance of keeping data secure, according to a survey commissioned by data centre and computer room specialists Migration Solutions. Almost half of respondents surveyed had never heard of data centres.

And 39 per cent had no idea where their company data was stored, while 45 per cent of respondents believed their company's data was stored on the server.

Half were unsure if their company backed up its data, while a tenth knew for sure that their company did not.

A quarter believed a long-term IT disaster at head office, such as flood or fire, would have no impact on the business at all.

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Savers batten down the economic hatch



PENNY WISE: Savers in the South East are the canniest in the country

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

MORE than three-quarters of South East small-business owners are holding onto their cash rather than making immediate decisions about investment because of economic uncertainties.

According to new research by Bank of Scotland Business Banking, over the next 12 months, two in five plan to put aside money for future investment in the business, while a third plan to put aside money in savings to earn interest.

A third plan to put aside money for insurance against hard times and a further worsening in economic conditions.

Britain's small-business owners are currently saving more than £1 billion every month, and a quarter of SMEs in the South East are investing more back into their business than they are saving.

Slightly more are saving and investing in equal amounts, and only one in eight is saving more each month than they are investing back into the business. A third of small-business owners are neither saving nor investing.

Peter Wood, head of strategy and products at Bank of Scotland Business Banking, said: "In a more cautious economic climate, where saving is prioritised over investment, it's vital that SMEs find the best home for their surplus cash."

Meantime, with individuals, almost a third of people in the South East have changed spending habits in the last six months and spent less to cope with the credit crunch – and the region now has the biggest savers.

The average savings balance is £15,493 compared with a national average of £12,703. Scots are reckoned to be the worst savers, with an average stash of £9,939.

Figures released by Lloyds TSB Consumer Banking reveals that more than half of respondents in the region are taking action to clear their debts. Individuals in the South East have, on average, unused debt of £2,800, slightly above the national average of £2,771.

A third have increased the amount they pay off each month, compared with only 24 per cent in the North East – the UK's most indebted region.

However, when it comes to long-term saving, 32 per cent of respondents say they do not have a pension, while 57 per cent admit they are concerned about not having enough money for retirement.

In fact, one in five of inhabitants in the region has less than £500 in their savings, leaving them potentially vulnerable to financial difficulty in these uncertain times.

Over half of savers in the South East say they are putting money aside for a rainy day or emergencies. Almost a third are saving for holidays and 27 per cent are putting money away for their retirement. One in five say they are saving for future increases in household bills.




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Woodwork and weather conspire to keep honours even



SPOT ON: Gert De Kock (left) kicked five points to help Canterbury draw on Saturday

Crusaders waiting for first league win

KENT Crusaders basketball team are still looking for their first league win of the season after they lost away to a strong Leeds Carnegie side on Saturday.

Sam Betts top scored with 17 points and Robbie Parker added a further 15, but their efforts couldn't prevent Mads Olesen's side slipping to a 81-71 defeat for their second successive league loss.

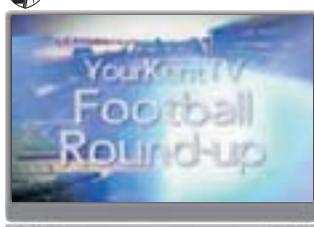
The team have a break in league fixtures this weekend as they look to progress in the National Cup.

After coming past Sevenoaks Suns and Southampton Trailblazers, they will start as favourites on Sunday against Division Three side Brixton Topcats.

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City to face league rivals in quarter final

CANTERBURY Men will play Indian Gymkhana for a place in the National Cup quarter-finals after a convincing victory at Edgbaston on Sunday.

The hockey side, who have won every competitive match they have played this season, won 5-2 in the West Midlands on Sunday to make it through to the last 16.

Indian Gymkhana are second behind Canterbury in the Conference East after one defeat from their opening five league matches.

The tie will be played at Polo Farm on Sunday, November 23.

This weekend, Canterbury travel to fourth-placed Sevenoaks looking to keep their 100 per cent record intact.

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CANTERBURY had their Merton Lane woodwork to thank for earning them a draw at home to Chinnor on Saturday as they played in terrible conditions.

Twice the visiting kicker Ben Hewitt struck the post with penalty attempts, the second came just five minutes from the end and was effectively a match-winning chance.

Despite the tie-off, a draw was a fair reflection on the balance of play, but a third game without a victory saw Canterbury slip into National 3 South's bottom half.

A strong wind and driving rain made it difficult for either side to play fluent rugby and the match developed into a battle of attrition.

RUGBY

Canterbury City 10 Chinnor 10

The home side played up the slope, but with the wind at their backs in the first half, Chinnor had the first chance with a Hewitt penalty early on which cannoned off the post.

Canterbury took the lead thanks to James Birnage's second try of the season, which was converted by Gert De Kock.

Chinnor, who had won just once in the league coming into the game, hit back with a try of their own before the break. Hewitt was off target with the conversion to give Canterbury a

slender 7-5 lead at the break.

Within three minutes of the resumption the visitors went in front with another try. A speculative kick into Canterbury territory was not properly dealt with and when the ball broke loose James Serrano picked up for a simple score.

Again the conversion was missed, allowing De Kock to level the scores at 10-10 with a penalty midway through the half. Canterbury created the better chances before the final whistle, but Hewitt spurned the late penalty to ensure the points were shared.

This Saturday, Canterbury will hope to climb up from eighth position when they visit fellow mid-table side Bridgewater & Albion.



NEW ERA: Rob Key (left) says relegation could give young players a chance to make a name for themselves, while Yasir Arafat has left St Lawrence to re-sign for former club Sussex



PHOTO: ANDREW KERRY

Skipper is keen to give youth a chance to shine

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT'S reliance on Kolpak players as a "stopgap" appears to be at an end with the emergence of a crop of new youngsters, according to skipper Rob Key.

The county have turned to Kolpak cricketers in recent years to bolster their squad with the additions of South Africans Martin van Jaarsveld, Ryan McLaren and Justin Kemp, but the club will change its policy next season.

Relegation from Division One of the County Championship at the end of last season was hard for everyone connected with Kent to take, but Key admits it gives the club's youngsters a chance to make a name for themselves.

He said: "It is a chance for us to bring on some of the young players at the club. We do not want to be going down the Kolpak route as that was a stopgap for us for a while."

"Players like Ryan McLaren have been fantastic and continue to be so, but at the same time we have got to be giving the youngsters a chance."

Sam Northeast is one player destined for a chance to shine next summer, while others such as off-spinner Charlie Hemphrey and all-rounder Alex Blake will be pushing their claims for inclusion at the start of the season.

Pakistan all-rounder Yasir Arafat followed Neil Dexter and Matt Walker out of the club this week after re-signing for Sussex.

The 26-year-old, who joined Kent in 2006 from Sussex, performed admirably for the county in his two years at St Lawrence.

He was the leading wicket-taker in one-day

and Twenty20 cricket last season, but his decision to sign for Indian Premier League side Kolkata Knight Riders forced Kent's hand as it meant he would not have been available for the whole season.

Kent now begin the search for a new overseas star and Key hasn't ruled out the possibility of using two players over the course of the year.

Key wouldn't be drawn on whether the club's new overseas star would be a batsman, seam bowler or a spinner, but insisted the county's management team would be working hard to bring somebody in.

He said: "We are not sure what department we will be looking at yet, but we will be looking to get the best overseas star that will be available during our summer."

"We have to look at international calendars and IPL tournament schedules just to figure out our best options."

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Defensive frailties need to be sorted, says Seager

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Merstham 1

Boutler 50



Whitstable Town 1

Quinn 16



WHITSTABLE Town manager Marc Seager has set his players the goal of going through November unbeaten to finally pull away from the Ryman South's bottom six.

The Oystermen began the month with a unused draw away to Merstham, the division's surprise package.

Liam Quinn's header gave the visitors a deserved half-time lead, but as the weather worsened after the break the hosts hit back and claimed a share of the points.

Dan Wisker had a chance to win the game late on, but his shot lacked power.

Conditions

Seager was pleased to avoid defeat, but felt Town could have taken maximum points.

He said: "The only disappointing thing for me was we didn't adapt to the conditions, good teams can do that.

"You don't get conditions like that too often, but we have got to try and learn from it.

"I said to the players before the game I wanted to go through November unbeaten and that's still a possibility."

Sam Denly returned to central defence

Whitstable starting XI



alongside Quinn after missing the start of the season with a recurrence of a knee injury.

The centre back did well and Whitstable fans will hope his return will help shore up a defence which has conceded more than two goals a game in the league this season.

It has already cost the team valuable points, none more so than last Tuesday, when they lost 4-3 at Dulwich Hamlet despite leading into the second half.

After the game Seager admitted it would be a long, hard season if they could not improve defensively.

He said: "We are good going forward, but we are making errors and our defending at times is shocking. If we are going to continue to make these mistakes we have to dig in for a relegation dogfight."

The weather claimed Whitstable's reserve game on Saturday, which would have featured returning duo Dave Cory and James Campbell.

Despite missing out on the chance to improve their match fitness, the pair could make the squad for Saturday's visit of Kingstonian.

The Ks are the runaway leaders in the Ryman South, but Whitstable beat them in the FA Trophy earlier this season.

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ON TARGET: Liam Quinn (above) put Whitstable in front on Saturday in a game which saw the return of Sam Denly

FOOTBALL



AT THE DOUBLE: City's Dan Bonneywell scored twice

University lose unbeaten record as City get lucky

University of Kent 2 Canterbury City 6

CANTERBURY City enjoyed the benefit of some dubious decisions to end University of Kent's unbeaten start to the season and strengthen their position at the top of the table.

The visitors deserved to win the game, but the margin of victory would not have been as large if three key decisions had not been given in their favour.

City were already a Wayne Fittall goal up when on 18 minutes they controversially doubled their lead. Fittall chased a lost cause down by the corner flag and appeared to foul a defender. The referee's assistant, supplied by the home side, flagged for the offence and the students stopped playing, but the referee waved play on, allowing Dan Bonneywell an easy chance to score.

City scored twice in the next seven minutes through Bonneywell and Fittall; both had more than a hint of offside about them. Again the flag went up, but again the goals were allowed to stand.

The hosts pulled a goal back from the penalty spot before half-time, but Fittall completed his hat-trick just after the break to make it 5-1.

The University reduced the arrears on 72 minutes, but Royston Gough completed the scoring three minutes from time, which also looked to contain an offside in the build-up.

City boss Dave Fairclough was delighted with the result, but admitted his side had been fortunate.

He said: "I think we probably got a couple of lucky breaks on the goals, but you have to take the rough with the smooth, it does even out over the season."

"It was the biggest game of our season so far. We have played the other sides in the top four now and come away unbeaten so I'm pleased with that. It's nice to have a bit of a gap because that makes it a lot easier to deal with the pressure."

The victory puts City eight points clear at the top of the County League Division One East.

This Saturday they have a chance to test themselves against a Premier Division side when they take on Hollands & Blair in the Bill Manklow Inter-regional Challenge Cup.



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IN FORM: Darren Marsden scored one and made two in Friday night's quarter final win over Norton



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